

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

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~~W~~A disposable diaper that is composed of a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable backsheet and a liquid-absorbent core. The core is formed with grooves each depressed in a direction from the side of the topsheet toward the side of the backsheet. The core contains water-absorbent fibers and superabsorbent polymer particles. These fibers and particles are disposed between portions of the topsheet covering bottoms and side walls of the grooves, and portions of the backsheet respectively opposed to the corresponding portions of the topsheet. ~~W~~

IN THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith under separate cover is a Request for Approval of Drawing Amendments to which is attached a photocopy of Fig. 1 with proposed changes indicated in red ink. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge receipt and approval of the proposed drawing changes so that applicants can proceed to have corrected formal drawings prepared.